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IN REPLY REFER TO NO. _____

Personal

Los Angeles, Cal., May 2, 1901.

Mr. J. Dietrich,
Beaumont, Cal.

Dear Sir:-We will be called on to send one of the Mastodon engines to Redlands Junction on the 8th inst to handle President McKinley's train from Redlands Junction to Redlands. I presume Supt. Muir will give instructions to run the engine to Colton, turn around there and be at Redlands Junction ready to take the train when it arrives, or he may order the engine to back down the hill. It is immaterial to us which way they do it.

I would like to have engine 2922 reserved for this service. I want the engine thoroughly cleaned. I would like to have Engineer Millsap handle this ~~XXXXX~~ engine. In the event of anything interfering with his doing so (sickness or accident) use Engineer Rotsler. Whatever crew happens on this engine should be very particular about their personal appearance. Their overalls should be clean and above criticism. I will send you an Engineer and Fireman badge for use of the crew. I will send some hunting and four flags to you to decorate the engine with. This should be applied after the engine is thoroughly cleaned. I presume that you will have no difficulty in getting all the outside help to do this that is necessary. Possibly some of the ladies, wives of the Engineers and Firemen that are going to be on the run, would like to help out.

I wired you today that Supt. Muir was likely to want this engine, 2922, to come to Redlands Junction on Saturday to make the trip from that point to Redlands to see that the engine took the curves in a satisfactory manner. If he calls for the engine, I would like to have Engineer Millsap make this trial trip. It would be well to figure on having this engine out of service on the 7th inst to allow for cleaning and decorating. I would suggest that you put on the most competent oil Fireman that you have at Beaumont to make this trip with Engineer Millsap.

Yours truly,

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